

Winston Churchill Said Possessed of Supreme Audacity

(Editor's note: Following is a resume of the career of Sir Winston Churchill, who retired yesterday as Prime Minister of Great Britain.)

London—(U.P.)—Sir Winston Churchill—statesman, warrior, author—also was possessed of supreme audacity.

He marched out of the Victorian era into the second Elizabethan age possessed of the will to dare.

He crashed two airplanes, rode in a cavalry charge, braved Boer bullets and fought in France.

He won his first election on his colorful record of escape from a prison in the Boer war in South Africa.

He switched political parties as he pleased and held every major ministry in the British Cabinet.

Failed in Dardanelles

As First Lord of the Admiralty he deployed the battle fleet for World War I without waiting for orders from the Cabinet. He nearly wrecked his reputation one year later by trying to ram the Royal Navy through the Dardanelles. He failed.

But this same audacity scored its greatest success in 1940 when Churchill as Prime Minister talked Hitler out of invading these unprepared islands.

Durable as he was audacious, Churchill outlived the leaders he fought beside and against. He was 15 years older than Adolf Hitler, whom he labeled a "bloodthirsty guttersnipe."

He was nine years the senior of Benito Mussolini, that "bloated bullfrog of the Pontine Marshes . . . That whipped jackal."

He was four years older than Josef Stalin, whose Russia he found to be "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma."

Born Prematurely

He was eight years older than Franklin D. Roosevelt, "the greatest American friend we have ever known."

His American mother, the former Jennie Jerome, was helped from a St. Andrews Ball at Blenheim Palace Nov. 30, 1874, and gave birth to him two months prematurely in a cloakroom off the dance floor.

He hurried to Cuba in 1895 as a part-time war correspondent to see action with the Spanish Army in the Cuba uprising. He came under fire for the first time on his 21st birthday in a jungle outside Arroyo Blanco. In Cuba also he picked up two lifelong habits, the cigar and the siesta.



WINSTON CHURCHILL Had Colorful War Record

At 22, he started a remarkable writing career that produced a million words of history and, in 1899, one novel, "Savrola," concerning which he later said: "I have persistently urged my friends to abstain from reading it."

Won Noble Prize

He won the Nobel prize for literature in 1953.

At 23 Churchill fought with the 31st Punjani Infantry on India's northwest frontier.

He rode with the 21st Lancers at Omdurman in the last great cavalry charge in history, returned to Britain a hero, and ran for Parliament. He lost.

So he went back to war in South Africa in 1899 to cover the Boer war for London's Morning Post. He got captured, escaped in storybook fashion and came home this time a real hero. Thereupon he won a Conservative seat in Parliament. He was 26. Victoria still was queen.

When World War II setbacks in Norway finished off the hesitant Neville Chamberlain, King George VI summoned Churchill to form a cabinet on May 10, 1940, the day Hitler's Panzers crashed down through the Ardennes to smash France.

One Man's Words

There followed that remarkable time when the British empire's chief defense was the glory of one man's tongue.

"Blood, toil, tears and sweat . . . We shall fight them in the beaches . . . Their finest hour . . . So many owed so much to so few."

The greatest speeches of 1940 burned across the pages of his-

Bosses Learn How To Get Along With Help

Berkeley, Calif.—(U.P.)—Shop foremen and supervisors went back to school to learn how to get along with their employees.

For the second year in a row the University of California held a five-day seminar on human relations for foremen and supervisors.

Dr. Arthur M. Ross, director of the School of Business Administration's Institute of Industrial Relations, said the seminar aimed at developing more satisfactory human relations between supervisors and other employees.

"This seminar," Ross said, "is designed to aid management in achieving its goal of increased efficiency and more cooperative effort among its personnel."

He was everywhere, crossed the Atlantic 10 times.

He started spreading and poking aloft his second and third fingers to form a V-for-victory. The stubby fingers became the symbol of Allied will.

On V-E day a great crowd jammed Whitehall. Churchill received unrestrained homage that night such as few Englishmen have ever won from the British people.

Three months later the British people voted him out of office. The greatest political blow he ever took was the 1945 election defeat. He could not understand it.

On Oct. 26, 1951, the British voters gave Churchill his dearest wish. They returned the Conservatives to office in a vote of confidence in his leadership and provided him with a last gift as elder statesman to the world.

Rhode Island is 48 miles long, 37 miles wide, but has 400 miles of coastline.

Red China Declared In No Shape To Fight Any Kind of War Now

Hong Kong—(U.P.)—Red China is in no shape to fight either a major or a minor war. But that is no assurance that the Peiping government will not start one.

The answer to that contradictory statement is bound up in the internal situation in China today.

Communist China, with nearly 600,000,000 people, is short of food. Floods, drought and insects have slowed both agriculture and industrial progress.

The Red Army needs a thorough overhaul. It has perhaps as many as 4,000,000 men in uniform—but not all have weapons. It needs more youth and more brains if it is to fight a modern war.

Evidence exists, and even ap-

pears in official Communist publications, that considerable sabotage is being conducted by anti-Red agents and Chinese Nationalist sympathizers. Frequently the sabotage is effective.

The Communists need to weed out ineffectual officials who clutter their party and lower-level governmental organizations. Inefficiency, in some cases disregard for the Communist program, have diseased provincial, county and city governments.

The Communist Party needs better qualified leaders, especially in administrative positions.

Considering these self-admitted elements, it seems on the surface ridiculous that the Communists are seriously thinking about going to war over Formosa.

Why, then, is there such anxiety—over the possibility of an outbreak of war this spring?

The answer is that the Nationalist stronghold of Formosa represents not only a military but a political threat to Red control of the mainland.

The feeling among experts here is that the time must come when the Communists will have to conquer Formosa—or try to. If they do not, they will risk the loss of popular faith on the mainland in the strength of their regime.

It is possible the Reds may figure that going to war over Formosa could do what Pearl Harbor did in the United States.

The answer to the whole business seems to be that it is up to the Communists to decide whether there will be war.

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